

ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT

NOTE: By signing this document, the recipient accepts this agreement and agrees to perform in accordance with all the enclosed terms, conditions, and documents attached hereto.

1. AGREEMENT NO.
HAA039C00

2. TASK ORDER NO.

3. TYPE OF AGREEMENT (Check one)

☐ GRANT

☒ COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

4. NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NO. OF ASSISTANCE OFFICER

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5. NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NO. OF RECIPIENT

Cascade Pacific Resource Conservation and Development, INC.
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8. PROGRAM STATUTORY AUTHORITY
See Attached Document

9. STARTING DATE April 1, 2003

10. EFFECTIVE DATE Reference date in block 17c

11. COMPLETION DATE September 30, 2008

12. TYPE OF RECIPIENT (Check one)

- ☐ STATE
☐ LOCAL GOVERNMENT
☐ INDIAN TRIBAL GOVERNMENT
☐ EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION
☐ INDIVIDUAL
☐ FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION
☒ NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION
☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)

13. FUNDING INFORMATION

	Recipient	BLM
This obligation	\$ _____	\$ -0- _____
Previous obligation	\$ _____	\$ _____
Total obligation	\$ _____	\$ -0- _____

Share Ratio _____ % _____ %

14. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA

Funds will be obligated through the issuance of individual Task Orders.

15. PROJECT TITLE AND BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

Project Title: Willamette Basin Invasive Weed Management Partnership.

The Partnership will pursue defining and developing Weed Management Areas in the Willamette Basin and associated coastal counties for the purpose of effectively and efficiently managing noxious weeds. Cascade Pacific Resource Conservation and Development, Inc.

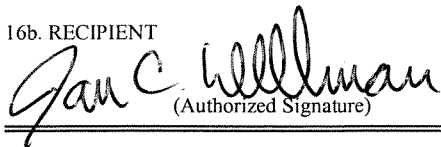
16a. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER (Type or print)

Jan Wellman - CPRC&D Board Chair

17a. NAME AND TITLE OF ASSISTANCE ORDERING OFFICER (Type or print)

Steven D. Shapiro

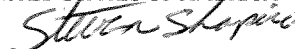
16b. RECIPIENT


(Authorized Signature)

16c. DATE SIGNED

4/18/03

17b. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

BY 
(Signature of Assistance Officer)

17c. DATE SIGNED

4/23/03

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT
between
Cascade Pacific Resource Conservation and Development, Inc.
and
The Bureau of Land Management
HAA039C00

I. Statement of Joint Objectives

A. Purpose

This agreement is made and entered into by the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Oregon State Office (BLM), on behalf of the Salem and Eugene Districts and Cascade Pacific Resource Conservation and Development, Inc. (CPRC&D) a 501(c) 3 nonprofit corporation for the purpose of maximizing staff and program capacities with limited financial resources; and to promote, integrate and coordinate efforts to protect and restore the health of public and private lands in the Willamette Basin and associated coastal counties.

B. Objective

The purpose of this Assistance Agreement is to provide a means of joint cooperation between the BLM and CPRC&D in order to:

Goals:

1. Prevent the introduction and control the spread of the most harmful invasive plant species in the Willamette Basin by facilitating cooperative management among all land managers.
2. Unite the individual ownership's and jurisdictions that make-up the Willamette Basin enabling them to work toward a common interest for the management of weeds.

Objectives:

1. Engage partners in the implementation of a Willamette Basin Weed Management Partnership Agreement.
2. Develop a Willamette Basin Weed Management Area (WMA) cooperative approach to weed control.
3. Promote county weed boards and control programs.

4. Identify and coordinate existing resources to assist in implementing local community-identified weed management strategies.
5. Identify and secure new funding for projects and local implementation capacity to implement priority actions identified by the Willamette Basin Weed Management Partnership.
6. Provide local communities and members of the Willamette Basin Weed Management Area with information regarding the authorities, capabilities, missions and services of the partners.
7. Serve as a conduit of information (technical, regulatory, government strategies, plans etc.) for partners and the public in the Willamette Basin.
8. Develop and coordinate awareness, education and training programs in cooperation with ODA, OSU Extension, SWCD's, Watershed Councils, RC&D's, The Nature Conservancy and other interested partners.

C. Authority

1. Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA) (Public Law 94-579, Section 307 (b)) states, subject to the provisions of applicable law, the Secretary may enter into contracts and cooperative agreements involving the management, protection, development, and sale of public lands.
2. The Omnibus Consolidated Appropriations Act of 1997, Wyden Amendment (Public Law 104-208, Section 124, as amended (Public Law 105-277, Section 136), states, "[a]ppropriations made for the BLM may be used by the Secretary of Interior for the purpose of entering into cooperative agreements with the heads of other Federal agencies, tribal, State and local government, private and nonprofit entities, and landowners for the protection, restoration, and enhancement of fish and wildlife habitat and other resources on public or private land and the reduction of risk from natural disaster where public safety is threatened that benefit these resources on public lands within the watershed.
3. *Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act of 2000*, PL 106-393 (16 U.S.C. 500) authorizes the BLM and FS to: 1) Promote the stabilization of payments to counties to provide funding for schools and roads as a supplement to other available funds 2) Create additional employment opportunities through, projects that improve the maintenance of existing infrastructure, implement stewardship objectives that enhance forest ecosystems and restore and improve land health and water quality 3) Improve cooperative relationships among the people that use and care for Federal Lands and the agencies that manage these lands. *Title II* of the Act addresses Special Projects on Federal Lands, Cooperative Agreements and Contracts. *Agreements* may be entered into with Federal Agencies, State and local governments, private and nonprofit entities, and landowners for the protection, restoration and enhancement of fish and wildlife habitat

and other resource objectives consistent with the purposes of this title on Federal land and on non-Federal land where projects would benefit these resources on Federal land.

II. Definitions

- A. Agreement: This Assistance Agreement.
- B. Assistance Officer (AO): The BLMs Assistance Officer. The AO is the only individual authorized to obligate funds, award, modify or terminate this agreement.
- C. Assistance Representative (AR): The BLMs Assistance Representative. The AR will be designated for the purpose of administering the technical aspect of the agreement. The AR is authorized to clarify technical requirements, and to review and approve work, which is clearly within the scope of the work specified in this agreement. The AR is not authorized to issue changes or in any other way modify this agreement.
- D. BLM: means the Bureau of Land Management. Also be referred to as Bureau.
- E. CFR: Code of Federal Regulations.
- F. Fiscal Year (FY): The Federal fiscal year, which extends from October 1 of one year through September 30 of the following year.
- G. CPRC&D: Cascade Pacific Resource Conservation and Development Area, INC.
- H. Not-to-Exceed (NTE) AMOUNT: The maximum Federal funding amount.
- I. OMB: Office of Management and Budget.
- J. Project Inspector (PI): The BLM's project inspector. At the time of award, a BLM employee(s) may be appointed as the PI. If appointed, the PI will be responsible for providing on-site inspection of the work and for giving the CPRC&D representative any special instructions, guidance, or training necessary to complete or perform the work. The PI will not be authorized to issue changes or in any way modify the agreement.
- K. Project Manager: The recipient's Project Manager. This is the individual who is responsible for conducting necessary day-to-day operations involving this Assistance Agreement.
- L. Responsible Official: The recipient's responsible official is the individual who is authorized to act for the recipient's organization and commit the recipient to compliance with the terms and conditions of this agreement.
- M. Task Order (TO) The order which is issued against the agreement to obligate funds for specific services or work to be accomplished.

- N. Willamette Provincial Interagency Executive Committee (PIEC): The federal agencies involved in regular coordination associated with implementation of the Northwest Forest Plan within the Willamette basin. Managers with responsibility for land and resource management or implementation of federal regulations within the Willamette basin are generally included. For purposes of this agreement, the Oregon State Office of BLM is also included.

III. Project Management Plan

A. The Cascade Pacific RC&D agrees to:

1. Complete the project as proposed in the Title II Project Applications dated April 23, 2002, which are incorporated herein as Attachment A.
2. Implement the following phases of the project.

Phase I.) - Startup

In Phase one a focus group representing local, county, state and federal agencies gathered to advise the development of a Willamette Basin Invasive Weed Management Partnership.

An interagency group secured funding from the Salem and Eugene District Resource Advisory Committees to hire a partnership coordinator to assist in facilitating the development of the partnership and Weed Management Areas (WMA).

Phase II.) - WMA Identification Process & Pilot Project Identification

Expand the focus group to interested representatives that include environmental groups, watershed councils, soil and water conservation districts, agriculture and forestry producers and individuals.

- a) Conduct a workshop to identify the need for a regional or sub-region Weed Management Areas.
- b) Develop and implement an action plan to organize the Weed Management Areas by using the Guidelines for Coordinated Management of Noxious Weeds: Development of Weed Management Areas (Adapted from the Guidelines for Coordinated Management of Noxious Weeds in the Greater Yellowstone Area).
- c) Pursue and broaden the partnership base in the Willamette Basin and associated coastal areas.
- d) Select a Weed Management Area steering committee, based on recommendations of the focus group.
- e) Develop a strategic funding plan to support the operational capacity of the WMA(s).

- f) Seek funding to support the ongoing processes, pilot projects and public education and training.
 - g) Identify potential pilot/demonstration projects.
 - h) Create mechanism (s) to share weed project and program information, and potential funding sources.
 - i) Identify training and education materials and programs suitable and or adaptable western Oregon.
3. Have the option to receive in-kind services from the BLM by complying with the following criteria: Be responsible for arranging phone line and internet service provider and performing data backups on a regular basis

B. The OSO, Eugene and Salem BLM agree to provide the following contributions:

- 1. Provide payments to Cascade Pacific RC&D in accordance with Section V, Financial Support, and Section VI, Payments, of this agreement and applicable OMB and Treasury Regulations.
- 2. Provide the following in-kind services as contributions to the Willamette Basin Invasive Weed Management Partnership, identified as Federal support in the 2003 and subsequent year's Title II project applications (*Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act of 2000*, PL 106-393 (16 U.S.C. 500)).
 - a) Provide office space (for each individual) for up to 2 permanent contractors, employees or volunteers. The office space shall be equipped with basic office furniture (desk, chair, file cabinet) on an availability basis. Restroom facilities, general overhead lighting, heating and cooling and carpeting of the office area are provided.
 - b) Reasonable use of copy and fax machines, telephone service, voice mail. Office supplies (in reasonable quantities) provided by BLM are restricted to items normally stocked. Contractors, employees or volunteers shall observe warehouse open hours and policies when requesting supplies.
 - c) Available PC projectors and audio/visual equipment shall be limited to on-site use.
 - d) Provide use of conference rooms subject to their availability on a first-come, first-reserved basis and shall comply with the BLM policy.
 - e) Limited storage space is available in the BLM warehouse and may be allowed on a space-availability basis. Limited parking in the designated employee

parking area lot) shall be provided. BLM shall provide restricted building entry key cards that allow Willamette Basin Invasive Weed Management Partnership contract employees access to the office building during specific hours. Lost key cards are subject to a \$25 replacement fee. Use of Government-owned or leased vehicles is prohibited.

IV. Term of Agreement.

This agreement shall become effective on the date of signature of the BLM Assistance Officer and shall remain in effect until September 30, 20066, unless terminated in accordance with the provisions of 43 CFR, Subpart C, Section 12.84.

V. Task Orders (TO)

- A. Issuance. If any TOs are issued they will be issued in writing by the Assistance Officer and must be signed by both the authorized responsible official and the AO to be effective.
- B. Contents. A task order will contain:
 - 1. A statement of work that details the goods, services and/or personnel that will be provided under the task order.
 - 2. Any necessary drawings and/or location maps.
 - 3. The delivery schedule, completion time, type/amount of work to be performed, and start/end dates for personnel which have been negotiated.
 - 4. A cost proposal with a breakdown of itemized costs and not-to-exceed total amount.
 - 5. Any other detail or information necessary.

VI. Financial Support

- A. This agreement will be funded by issuance of TO's based on the availability of BLM funding. The CPRC&D hereby release the BLM from all liability due to failure of Congress to appropriate funds for this agreement.
- B. Funds obligated for a specific TO but not expended in one FY can be carried forward and expended in the subsequent FY.
- C. TO's will specify the NTE dollar amounts. The BLM shall not be obligated to pay for nor shall CPRC&D be obligated to perform any effort that will require the expenditure of Federal funds above the NTE amount specified in that TO.
- D. Cost sharing for this agreement shall be in accordance with 43 CFR, Subpart F, Section 12.923.

- E. Program income for this agreement shall be in accordance with 43 CFR, Subpart F, Section 12.924.
- F. BLM and Cascade Pacific RC&D will conduct annual reviews of the agreement to determine if any changes are required.

VII. Payments

A. Financial Management Service's (FMS), Automated Standard Application for Payment (ASAP) System.

1. Payments under this agreement will be made by the United States Department of Treasury, FMS, ASAP system. ASAP is a recipient-initiated, on-line payment and information system for Financial Assistance Agreements. The recipient will request federal funds that are due directly from the Federal Reserve Bank.
2. Recipient enrollment in ASAP is accomplished in one of the two following ways:
 - a) Recipients already participating with another Federal agency need only complete the attached ASAP Participation Request form (see Attachment B) and fax or mail it to the number or address listed on the form.
 - b) Recipients not currently enrolled in the ASAP system should complete the attached ASAP Participation Request form (see Attachment B) and fax or mail it to the number or address listed on the form. The recipient will then receive a Department of Treasury enrollment handbook and enrollment form. The recipient will complete and return those forms to the Department of the Treasury and they will send the recipient the ASAP Passport software along with a CD-ROM tutorial. The Department of Treasury will establish an ASAP Requestor ID for the recipient as well as an Organization Access Code (OAC), User ID, and Password that will serve to segregate the recipient users and their access to certain functions of the on-line system. In addition, the data is encrypted in order to ensure the privacy of the data as it is sent from the user to ASAP.
3. Once the recipient has been assigned an ASAP Requestor ID by the Department of Treasury, the BLM Assistance Officer will create an ASAP Account ID unique to this agreement. The first nine characters will be the agreement number (reference block 1 of agreement cover page, BLM Form 1511-1). The remaining three characters will identify BLM funding line items. Drawdown of funds should be made in fund line item order, beginning with 001.

- B. The recipient will be required to complete a Standard Form (SF) 270, Request for Advance or Reimbursement, and backup documentation and mail or fax it to the Assistance Officer at the same time they make an ASAP fund drawdown. Failure to submit an original SF-270 at

time of drawdown may result in the BLM requiring agency review prior to release of funds using the ASAP system.

- C. Drawdowns for advance payments will be made only in amounts necessary to meet current disbursement needs and will be scheduled so that the funds are available only immediately prior to their disbursement. If advance payments are drawn the recipient must submit an original Federal Cash Transaction Report, SF 272 to the Assistance Officer 15 working days following the end of each quarter. This recipient is subject to Agency Review for payment requests.

VIII. Property Management and Disposition

Any BLM property used or other property acquired under this agreement, including intangible property such as copyrights and patents shall be governed by the provisions of 43 CFR, Subpart C, Section 12.71 through 12.74.

IX. Deliverables and Reports

- A. Work plans: CPRC&D will develop annual work plans and proposed budgets for all activities identified in this Agreement (See Section IIIA). The work plans should include specific objectives to be accomplished in the Willamette Basin Invasive Weed Management Partnership.
- B. Progress reports: CPRC&D will provide written quarterly progress reports that include a summary of activities and accomplishments related to all activities. The reports will be presented to BLM key contacts for the purpose of distribution to respective Resource Advisory Committee members.
- C. Deliverables: CPRC&D will demonstrate the efficient and effective implementation of existing funds and services and the development and delivery of new funds and services to the Willamette basin communities. General and specific deliverables for each activity are identified in Section IIIA of this Agreement.

X. Key Officials

- A. Assistance Officer (AO)
Steven Shapiro
Bureau of Land Management
Oregon State Office
Telephone Number (503) 808-6227
- B. Assistance Representative (AR)
Paul Jeske
Bureau of Land Management
Salem District Office
Telephone (503) 375-5646

C. Project Inspector (PI)

Claire Hibler
Bureau of Land Management
Salem District Office
Telephone Number (503) 375-5677

Nancy Wogen
Bureau of Land Management
Eugene District Office
Telephone Number (541) 683-6111

D. Project Manager (PM)

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Corvallis, Benton County, Oregon 97333-4400
(541) 757-4807

E. Responsible Official (RO)

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(541) 757-4807

XI. Special Terms and Conditions

A. Order of Precedence

Any inconsistency in this agreement shall be resolved by giving precedence in the following order: (a) Any national policy requirements and administrative management standards; (b) requirements of the applicable OMB Circulars and Treasury regulations; (c) 43 CFR Part 12; (d) special terms and conditions; (e) all Agreement sections, documents, exhibits, and attachments; and (f) all TO sections, documents, exhibits, and attachments.

B. Modifications

This agreement may be modified by written agreement signed by both a * official and the Assistance Officer. Administrative changes (i.e. AO name change) which do not change the project management plan, NTE amount, etc. or otherwise affect the recipient may be signed unilaterally by the AO.

C. Procurement Procedures

It is a national policy to place a fair share of purchases with minority business firms. The Department of the Interior is strongly committed to the objectives of this policy and encourages all recipients of its grants and cooperative agreements to take affirmative steps to

ensure such fairness. Positive efforts shall be made by recipients to utilize small businesses, minority-owned firms, and women's business enterprises, whenever possible. Recipients of Federal awards shall take all of the following steps to further this goal:

1. Ensure that small businesses, minority-owned firms, and women's business enterprises are used to the fullest extent practicable.
2. Make information on forthcoming opportunities available and arrange time frames for purchases and contracts to encourage and facilitate participation by small businesses, minority-owned firms, and women's business enterprises.
3. Consider in the contract process whether firms competing for larger contracts intend to subcontract with small businesses, minority-owned firms, and women's business enterprises.
4. Encourage contracting with consortiums of small businesses, minority-owned firms and women's business enterprises when a contract is too large for one of these firms to handle individually.
5. Use the services and assistance, as appropriate, of such organizations as the Small Business Development Agency in the solicitation and utilization of small business, minority-owned firms and women's business enterprises.

D. Deposit of Publications

Two (2) copies of each applicable publication produced under this agreement shall be sent to the Natural Resources Library with a transmittal that identifies the sender and the publication, and states that the publication is intended for deposit in the Natural Resources Library. Publications shall be sent to the following address:

U.S. Department of the Interior
 Natural Resources Library
 Interior Service Center
 Gifts and Exchanges Section
 1849 C Street, N.W.
 Washington, D.C. 20240

XII. General Provisions

- A. National Policy Requirements and Administrative Management Standards. All applicable national policy requirements and administrative management standards as set forth in the Office of Management and Budget, Financial Management Division, Directory of Policy Requirements and Administrative Standards for Federal Aid Programs are incorporated by reference.

- B. 43 CFR Part 12, Administrative and Audit Requirements and Cost Principles for Assistance Programs is incorporated by reference.
- C. OMB Circular A-122, Cost Principles for Nonprofit Organizations is incorporated by reference.
- D. 43 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 12, Appendix A to Subpart D, Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters - Primary Covered Transaction and completed Form DI-2010 are incorporated by reference.
- E. 43 CFR Part 12, Appendix C to Subpart D, Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements, Alternate I (Grantees other than individuals) and completed Form DI-2010 are incorporated by reference.
- F. 43 CFR Part 12, Appendix C to Subpart D, Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements, Alternate II (Grantees Who are Individuals) and completed Form DI-2010 are incorporated by reference.
- G. 31 U.S.C. 1352, Certification Regarding Lobbying and completed Form DI-2010 are incorporated by reference.
- H. Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996, Public Law 104-156, 110 Stat. 1396, 31 U.S.C. 750 1-7 and 43 CFR, Part 12, is incorporated by reference.
- I. Compliance With Buy American Act. Pursuant to Sec. 307 of the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2000, Public Law 106-113, be advised of the following:
 - 1. None of the funds made available in this agreement may be expended by a recipient unless the recipient agrees that in expending the funds the recipient will comply with sections 2 through 4 of the Act of March 3, 1933 (41 U.S.C. 10a-10c; popularly known as the "Buy American Act").
 - 2. Purchase of American-made equipment and products. In the case of any equipment or product that may be authorized to be purchased with financial assistance provided using funds made available in this Act, it is the sense of the Congress that entities receiving the assistance should, in expending the assistance, purchase only American-made equipment and products.
 - 3. Recipient also agrees to follow the procedures in 43 CFR Part 12, Subpart E, Section 12.700 - Buy American Requirements for Assistance Programs.
- J. Opposition to Any Legislation. Recipient shall not use any part of the Government's funds for any activity or the publication or distribution of literature that in any way tends to promote public support or opposition to any legislative proposal on which Congressional action is not complete.

K. Endorsements. Recipient shall not publicize or otherwise circulate, promotional material (such as advertisements, sales brochures, press releases, speeches, still and motion pictures, articles, manuscripts or other publications) which states or implies governmental, Departmental, bureau, or government employee endorsement of a product, service, or position which the recipient represents. No release of information relating to this award may state or imply that the Government approves of the recipient's work products, or considers the recipient's work product to be superior to other products or services.

1. All information submitted for publication or other public releases of information regarding this project shall carry the following disclaimer:

The views and conclusions contained in this document are those of the authors and should not be interpreted as representing the opinions or policies of the U.S. Government. Mention of trade names or commercial products does not constitute their endorsement by the U.S. Government.

2. Recipient must obtain prior Government approval for any public information releases concerning this award which refer to the Department of the Interior or any bureau or employee (by name or title). The specific text, layout photographs, etc. of the proposed release must be submitted with the request for approval.
 3. A recipient further agrees to include this provision in a subaward to and subrecipient, except for a subaward to a State government, a local government, or to a federally recognized Indian tribal Government.
- L. Increasing Seat Belt Use in the United States. Recipients of grants/cooperative agreements and/or sub-awards are encouraged to adopt and enforce on-the-job seat belt use policies and programs for their employees when operating company-owned, rented, or personally owned vehicles. These measures include, but are not limited to, conducting education, awareness, and other appropriate programs for their employees about the importance of wearing seat belts and the consequences of not wearing them.

Attachment A

1. Willamette Basin Invasive Weed Management Title II Project Proposals to the Eugene Resource Advisory Committee
2. Willamette Basin Invasive Weed Management Title II Project Proposals to the Salem District Resource Advisory Committee

Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000
Public Law 106-393

Title II Project Application
Eugene Resource Advisory Committee

1. Project Number (Assigned by federal unit):

2. Project Name: Willamette Basin Invasive Weed Management Partnership	3. County: Benton, Clackamas, Columbia, Marion, Multnomah, Lane, Linn, Polk, Yamhill and Washington
4. Project Sponsor: Willamette Restoration Initiative (Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission) Supporters: Eugene BLM - Nancy Wogen; Salem BLM - Claire Hibler; Marion County Dept. of Public Works - Matt Thorburn; Oregon Department of Agriculture - Tim Butler; OSU Extension - Jed Colquhoun; Willamette National Forest - Jennifer Lippert; Mike Perkins - Lane County	5. Date: April 23, 2002
6. Sponsor's Phone Number: Dennis Wise - 503-375-5648	
7. Sponsors E-mail: WRI Program Manager dennis_wise@or.blm.gov	

8. Project Location (attach project area map) Willamette Basin			
a. 4 th Field Watershed Name and HUC #(if known): 170900			
b. 5 th Field Watershed Name and HUC #(if known): 17090001-12			
c. Legal Location:	Township	Range	Section(s)
	Township	Range	Section(s)
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d. BLM District: Salem & Eugene		e. BLM Resource Area All in Districts Identified	
f. National Forest: Willamette		g. Forest Service District All on Forest Identified	
h. State / Private / Other lands involved? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			

9. Statement of Project Goals and Objectives:

Goals:

1. Prevent the introduction and control the spread of the most harmful invasive plant species in the Willamette Basin by facilitating cooperative management among all land managers.
2. Unite the individual ownership's and jurisdictions that make-up the Willamette Basin enabling them to work toward a common interest for the management of invasive weeds.

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Objectives:

1. Engage partners in the implementation of a Willamette Basin Weed Management Area Partnership Agreement
2. Develop a Willamette Basin Weed Management Area cooperative approach to invasive weed control.
3. Promote county weed boards and control programs.
4. Identify and coordinate existing resources to assist in implementing local community-identified invasive weed management strategies.
5. Identify and secure new funding for projects and local implementation capacity to implement priority actions identified by the Willamette Basin Weed Management Partnership.
6. Provide local communities and members of the Willamette Basin Weed Management Area with information regarding the authorities, capabilities, missions and services of the partners.
7. Serve as a conduit of information (technical, regulatory, government strategies, plans etc.) for partners and the public in the Willamette Basin.
8. Develop and coordinate an awareness, education and training programs in cooperation with ODA, OSU Extension, SWCD's, Watershed Councils, TNC and other interested partners.

10. Project Description:

The Willamette Basin includes the Willamette River, its 13 major tributaries, and the land that drains to these rivers. The basin lies between the Cascade Mountains and the Coast Range, and extends from the source of the Willamette River south of Eugene, northward to the Columbia River. It is 150 miles long and 75 miles wide and comprises 12,000 square miles, almost one-eighth of Oregon's total area. Public ownership is 41% and the land use is 68% forest, 20% agriculture, 7% urban and 5% other uses. The basin is home to 70% of Oregon's human population. The population and commerce within the Basin provides multiple transportation systems (rail, road, air and water) for the introduction and movement of invasive plant species throughout its boundaries.

This large area has multiple ownership's, jurisdictions and organizations that includes 10 counties, 10 Soil and Water Conservation Districts, 27 Watershed Councils and about 100 cities. The basin has one local county weed board and numerous city, county, state and federal activities addressing weed management issues. The programs and activities are not coordinated and often times fall short of being effective. The lack of funding and staffing capacity to address the problems and repeated infestations from neighboring ownership reduces the success of the control activities.

Our neighbors east of the Cascades (<http://www.or.blm.gov/Prineville/weed/dwma.htm>) and south of the Oregon border (<http://pi.cdfa.ca.gov/wma/>) have demonstrated the success of developing weed management areas to more effectively and efficiently address regional and local weed management issues. This application is structured as a joint request to three Willamette Basin Resource Advisory Committees (Salem, Eugene and Hood/Willamette) to share in the funding of a Willamette Basin invasive weed management partnership coordinator.

An assessment (Cooperative Weed Management Areas in the Northwest Taking Stock and Moving Forward - November, 2000 - <http://tncweeds.ucdavis.edu/listarch/arch086.html#05>) of the Tri-State (Hell's Canyon), Tri-

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Eugene Resource Advisory Committee

County (eastern Oregon), and Warner Basin (eastern Oregon) Weed Management Area(s) identified two key findings that support this proposal. 1. The Weed Management Area (WMA) concept is successful in reframing the issue of weed management toward a collaborative, cross-boundary effort. 2. The coordinator is the single most important factor in success of the operations of the Weed Management Area (WMA).

The coordinator for the Willamette Basin Invasive Weed Management Partnership will initiate a multi-phase approach to engage stakeholders in planning and implementing a coordinated effort to address invasive weed management issues in the Willamette Basin. This cooperative approach will increase weed management and control capacity on private and public lands within 2-3 years to address invasive weed management issues in the Willamette Basin. The focus of this request is to support Phase II and III of the multi-year proposal.

Phase I.) - Startup (March 1- Oct. 1, 2002)

- A. In phase one a focus group representing local, county, state and federal agencies gathered to advise the development of a Willamette Basin invasive weed management partnership.
- B. An interagency group secured funding from the Salem District Resource Advisory Committee to hire a partnership coordinator to assist in facilitating the development of the partnership and Weed Management Area.

Phase II.) - WMA Identification Process & Pilot Project Identification (Oct. 1, 2002 - Sept. 30, 2003)

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☒ Watershed Restoration & Mntc. [Sec. 2(b)(2)(D)]

☒ Wildlife Habitat Restoration [Sec. 2(b)(2)(E)]

☒ Fish Habitat Restoration [Sec. 2(b)(2)(E)]

☒ Control of Noxious Weeds [Sec. 2(b)(2)(F)]

☒ Reestablish Native Species [Sec. 2(b)(2)(G)]

☒ Other Project Type (specify) [Sec. 2(b)(2)]: Improve cooperative relationships among users and caretakers of Federal Lands.

14. Measure of Project Accomplishments/Expected Outcomes [Sec. 203(b)(5)]

a. Total Acres:

b. Total Miles: Approximately 12,000 Sq. Miles

c. No. Structures:

d. Est. People Reached
(for environmental education projects):

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e. No. Laborer Days:	
<p>15. Other (specify): By Sept. 30, 2004 there will be a functioning (WMA(s)) focused on prioritizing projects and leveraging funds to systematically manage invasive weeds in the basin.</p> <p>Phase I.) - Startup (March 1- Oct. 1, 2002)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. A focus group representing local, county, state and federal agencies gathered to advise the development of a Willamette Basin invasive weed management partnership.B. An interagency group secured funding from the Salem District Resource Advisory Committee to hire a partnership coordinator to assist in facilitating the development of the partnership and Weed Management Area. <p>Phase II.) - WMA Identification Process & Pilot Project Identification (Oct. 1, 2002 - Sept. 30, 2003)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Expand the focus group to interested representative that include environmental groups, watershed councils, soil and water conservation districts, agriculture and forestry producers and individuals.B. Conduct a workshop to identify the need for a regional or sub-region Weed Management Areas.C. Develop and implement an action plan to organize the Weed Management Areas by using the Guidelines for Coordinated Management of Noxious Weeds: Development of Weed Management Areas (Adapted from the Guidelines for Coordinated Management of Noxious Weeds in the Greater Yellowstone Area).D. Pursue and broaden the partnership base in the Willamette Basin.E. Select Weed Management Area steering committees, based on recommendations of the focus group.F. Develop a strategic funding plan to support the operational capacity of the WMA(s).G. Seek funding to support the ongoing processes, pilot projects and public education and training.H. Identify potential pilot/demonstration projects.I. Create mechanism(s) to share weed project and program information, and potential funding sources.J. Identify training and education materials and programs suitable and or adaptable to the Willamette Basin. <p>Phase III.) - WMA Organization Process & Public Education - (Oct. 1, 2003 - Sept. 30, 2004)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Initiate and develop formal partnership agreements.B. Develop an operation plan for the Weed Management Area(s).C. Implement the operation and strategic funding plan of the Weed Management Area (s).D. Promote the development and funding of local weed boards and programs.E. Implement pilot/demonstration projects.F. Promote and manage mechanism(s) to share weed project and program information, and potential funding sources.G. Engage the communities in invasive weed control measures, through public outreach, and education activities.H. Adapt training and education materials and programs for the Willamette Basin. <p>Phase IV.) Build local capacity, develop funding, planning and implementation (Oct. 1, 2004 - Sept. 30, 2007)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Continue updating and revising annual operating plans, funding requests and public education and training activities.B. Identify and secure funding for local administration of projects that reflect the priorities of the Weed Management Areas.C. Promote and manage mechanism(s) to share weed project and program information, and potential funding sourcesD. Engage the communities in invasive weed control measures, through public outreach, and education activities.E. Engage the Weed Management Area participants in an operation evaluation process at the 5-year milestone.	

15. Duration of Project and Estimated Completion Date: [Sec. 203(b)(2)]

Phase I	(March 1, 2002 - Sept 30, 2002) - Startup - 7 months
Phase II	(Oct. 1, 2002 - Sept. 30, 2003) - WMA Identification Process & Pilot Project Identification
Phase III	(Oct. 1, 2003 - Sept. 30, 2004) - WMA Organization Process & Public Education
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16. Target Species Benefited: (if applicable) Native plants, indigenous fish and wildlife species.

17. How will cooperative relationships among people that use federal lands be improved? [Sec. 2(b)(3)]

Developing cooperative relationships is the basis of the Weed Management Area concept. Private land ownership is 41% of the land base in the Willamette Basin. The landowners are vital to the success of weed management efforts in the Willamette Basin. Landowners have great economic incentive to participate, these individuals are actively engaged in field activities, which enables them to become a great force in detecting and treating early invasions.

The Willamette Valley is also a centrally located hub for shipping of freight by land, air and water transportation systems. The Basin also hosts 70% of Oregon's total population. Through education and awareness programs urban and rural residents will gain knowledge about invasive plants. These public land user groups and individuals can assist in identifying and reducing movement of invaders from the valley floor to the forested uplands, while traveling within and outside the basin. These efforts can also reduce introduction of invasive plants into the basin.

18. How is this project in the best public interest? [Sec. 203(b)(7)] **Identify benefits to communities.**

A Weed Management Area process encourages cooperators to plan through weed management issues and arrive at successful solutions. An organized approach will result in the greatest good for the entire Weed Management Area. The designation of a Weed Management Area by a diverse group of individuals and agencies addresses a number of weed management issues from a broader perspective and bring together the resources of this diverse group to address common invasive weed interests. A side benefit of an organized approach is to focus attention and demonstrate to state and federal legislators that a united effort is behind the management of invasive weeds. This approach communicates to the public the seriousness of weeds by increasing their awareness and the need to contain or prevent infestations. A Weed Management Area provides a channel for communication and pools talents and resources. It also reduces the risk of damage by control actions to water, crops, and threatened and endangered species.

19. How does project benefit federal lands/resources?

Expanded public and private partnerships and community involvement can increase availability of resources and reduce current and future impacts of invasive weeds on public lands.

20. Status of Project Planning			
a. NEPA Complete:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable
If no, give est. date of completion:			
b. NMFS Sec. 7 ESA Consultation Complete:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable
c. USFWS Sec. 7 ESA Consultation Complete:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable
d. Survey & Manage Complete:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable
e. DSL/ODFW* Permits for In-stream Work Obtained:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable
f. DSL/COE* 404 Fill/Removal Permit Obtained:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable
g. SHPO* Concurrence Received:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable
h. Project Design(s) Completed:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable

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21. Proposed Method(s) of Accomplishment

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contract	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal Workforce
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Workforce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Volunteers
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): Title II Funds - Hire coordinator through Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission	

22. Will the Project Generate Merchantable Materials? [Sec. 204(e)(3)]

☐ Yes ☒ No

23. Anticipated Project Costs [Sec. 203(b)(3)]

a. Total County Title II Funds Requested: 2003 = \$31,884 (\$7,971 each per 5 Hood/Willamette RAC counties) or \$141,567 over 4 years	
b. Is this a multi-year funding request? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, then display by fiscal year	
FY03 Request: \$31,884 per RAC x (3)* = \$95,651	FY05 Request: \$36,505 per RAC x (3)* = \$109,515
FY04 Request: \$34,117 per RAC x (3)* = \$102,350	FY06 Request: \$39,061 per RAC x (3)* = \$117,181

* This application is structured as a joint request to the 3 Willamette Basin R.A.C.s: Salem, Eugene and Hood/Willamette.

Table 1. Project Cost Analysis

Item	Column A Fed. Agency Appropriated Contribution [Sec. 203(b)(4)]	Column B* Requested County Title II Contribution [Sec. 203(b)(4)]	Column C Other Contributions [Sec. 203(b)(4)]	Column D Total Available Funds
24. Field Work & Site Surveys				
25. NEPA & Sec. 7 ESA Consultation				
26. Permit Acquisition				
27. Project Design & Engineering				
28. Contract Preparation				
29. Contract Administration				
30. Contract Cost				
31. Workforce Cost		\$360,992		
32. Materials & Supplies	\$60,000			
33. Monitoring				
34. Other				
35. Project Sub-Total	\$60,000	\$297,549		

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36. Indirect Costs (Overhead) (per year for multi-year projects)		Total \$63,701 Annual \$15,926		
37. Total Cost Estimate	\$60,000	\$424,697		

***Column B. is based on a 4-year Willamette Basin Weed Management Partnership coordination function.**

38. Identify Source(s) of Other Funding for Project Identified Above [Sec. 203(b)(4)]

Funding costs to development and support local weed control boards, and project implementation may be identified during the organization workshops and Weed Management Area development processes. The successful development of a Weed Management Area and a prioritization process for project activity in the basin will increase the eligibility of the basin partnership for private foundation and local, state and federal dollars. Suggestions for potential funding sources may include the Oregon State Weed Board, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, Federal Challenge Cost Share Grants, Federal, State and County budget allocations, Resource Assistance for Rural Economies and others to be identified.

39. Monitoring Plan [Sec. 203(b)(6)]

a. What measures or evaluations will be made to determine how well the proposed project meets the desired ecological conditions? [Sec. 203(b)(6)] Who will be responsible for this monitoring item?

Success will be measured by achieving and implementing the expected outcomes outlined by this proposal. The completion and implementation of this 5-year proposal will establish and support regional and local capacity to control and reduce invasive weed infestations in the Willamette Basin on private and public lands and reduce the movement of invasive weeds within and into the Basin.

The Willamette Basin is a collage of county, regional, local, state, federal, university, and non-profit organizations with various programs and projects challenging established weed invaders and new arrivals in the Willamette Basin. The results of this effort will assist in formulating a "big picture" approach to problem solving; developing private and public partnerships; identifying gaps in existing programs; determine the most effective way of matching resources with needs; recommending priority invasive weed control actions and engaging the public in invasive weed control measures.

Expected Outcomes

Phase I. Startup (Funding for Fiscal Year 2002) - (March 1- Oct. 1, 2002)

1. Assemble a focus group - Interagency Team. - completed
2. Secure funding to hire a coordinator - Invasive Weed Focus Group. - completed
3. Hire a WMA process coordinator. - In process.

Phase II. WMA Identification Process & Pilot Project Identification (Oct. 1, 2002 - Sept. 30, 2003)

1. Pursue and broaden the partnership base in the Willamette Basin. - Coordinator & Focus Group partners
2. Conduct a workshop to identify the need for a regional or sub-region WMA(s) - Coordinator
3. Select and Organize WMA steering committees. - Coordinator & Focus Group
4. Develop & implement an action plan to organize the WMA (s). Steering Committee & Coordinator
5. Develop a strategic funding plan to support the operational capacity of the WMA(s). Steering Committee & Coordinator
6. Seek funding to support the ongoing processes, pilot projects and public education and training. - Steering Committee & Coordinator
7. Identify potential pilot/demonstration projects. - Steering Committee & Coordinator
8. Create mechanism (s) to share program and project information and funding sources. Coordinator

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9. Identify training materials/programs suitable and/or adaptable for the Willamette Basin. - Coordinator
10. Initiate and complete an organization process for a WMA. - Coordinator & steering committee

Note: The Willamette Basin Invasive weed Partnership focus group will develop a work plan and direct the work of the coordinator in Phase I and II.

Phase III.) WMA Organization Process & Public Education - (Oct. 1, 2003 - Sept. 30, 2004)

1. Initiate and develop formal partnership agreements. - Coordinator and steering committee
2. Develop an operation plan for the Weed Management Area(s). Coordinator and steering committee
3. Implement the operation and strategic funding plan of the Weed Management Area (s). - Coordinator and steering committee
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8. Adapt training and education materials and programs for the Willamette Basin. - Coordinator and partners

Phase IV.) Build local capacity, develop funding, planning and implementation (Oct. 1, 2004 - Sept. 30, 2007)

1. Continue updating and revising annual operating plans, funding requests and public education and training activities. Coordinator, steering committee and partners
2. Identify and secure funding for local administration of projects that reflect the priorities of the WMA(s). - Coordinator, steering committee and partners
3. Initiate priority projects identified through a basin-wide analysis process. - Coordinator and partners
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Note: The Willamette Basin WMA Steering Committee will develop a work plan and direct the work of the coordinator in Phase III. and IV.

b. How will the project be evaluated to determine how well the proposed project contributes towards local employment and/or training opportunities, including summer youth jobs programs such as the Youth Conservation Corps? [Sec. 203(b)(6)] Who will be responsible for this monitoring item?

Phase I is an initial setup of the WMA process by an interagency working group. Phase II will identify and develop pilot projects that demonstrate to key partners and stakeholders the advantages of planning and coordination to effectively address weed introduction and control. Phase III and IV will provide opportunities to initiate operational plans at a regional scale where multiple partnerships with combined resources will increase local project implementation. During the final phase of this 5-year proposal the WMA Steering Committees will initiate a programmatic review of the WMA function and project evaluation.

The Willamette Basin Invasive plant and Weed Management Partnership Coordinator will develop a project tracking data base that will include the type of project, invasive weed controlled, location, acreage, control measure, landowner, date, funding sources, labor source and hours. An annual operation report and a

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project summary will be presented to the Willamette Basin Invasive weed Partnership focus group, the Weed Management Area steering committees and sponsoring organizations.

- c. What methods and measures of evaluation will be established to determine how well the proposed project improves the use of, or added value to, any products removed from federal lands consistent with the purposes of this Act? [Sec. 203(b)(6) and Sec. 204(e)(3)]**
Who will be responsible for this monitoring item? Not applicable!
- a. Identify total funding needed to carry out specified monitoring tasks (Table 1, item 33)**

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1. Project Number (Assigned by federal unit):

2. Project Name: Willamette Basin Invasive Weed Management Partnership	3. County: Benton, Clackamas, Columbia, Marion, Multnomah, Lane, Linn, Polk, Yamhill and Washington
4. Project Sponsor: Willamette Restoration Initiative (Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission) Supporters: Eugene BLM - Nancy Wogen; Salem BLM - Claire Hibler; Marion County Dept. of Public Works - Matt Thorburn; Oregon Department of Agriculture - Tim Butler; OSU Extension - Jed Colquhoun; Willamette National Forest - Jennifer Lippert; Mike Perkins - Lane County	5. Date: April 23, 2002
6. Sponsor's Phone Number: Dennis Wise - 503-375-5648	
7. Sponsors E-mail: WRI Program Manager dennis_wise@or.blm.gov	

8. Project Location (attach project area map) Willamette Basin			
a. 4 th Field Watershed Name and HUC #(if known): 170900			
b. 5 th Field Watershed Name and HUC #(if known): 17090001-12			
c. Legal Location: Township Range Section(s)			
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d. BLM District: Salem & Eugene		e. BLM Resource Area All in Districts Identified	
f. National Forest: Willamette		g. Forest Service District All on Forest Identified	
h. State / Private / Other lands involved? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			

9. Statement of Project Goals and Objectives:

Goals:

1. Prevent the introduction and control the spread of the most harmful invasive plant species in the Willamette Basin by facilitating cooperative management among all land managers.
2. Unite the individual ownership's and jurisdictions that make-up the Willamette Basin enabling them to work toward a common interest for the management of invasive weeds.

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Objectives:

1. Engage partners in the implementation of a Willamette Basin Weed Management Area Partnership Agreement
2. Develop a Willamette Basin Weed Management Area cooperative approach to invasive weed control.
3. Promote county weed boards and control programs.
4. Identify and coordinate existing resources to assist in implementing local community-identified invasive weed management strategies.
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10. Project Description:

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This large area has multiple ownership's, jurisdictions and organizations that includes 10 counties, 10 Soil and Water Conservation Districts, 27 Watershed Councils and about 100 cities. The basin has one local county weed board and numerous city, county, state and federal activities addressing weed management issues. The programs and activities are not coordinated and often times fall short of being effective. The lack of funding and staffing capacity to address the problems and repeated infestations from neighboring ownership reduces the success of the control activities.

Our neighbors east of the Cascades (<http://www.or.blm.gov/Prineville/weed/dwma.htm>) and south of the Oregon border (<http://pi.cdfa.ca.gov/wma/>) have demonstrated the success of developing weed management areas to more effectively and efficiently address regional and local weed management issues. This application is structured as a joint request to three Willamette Basin Resource Advisory Committees (Salem, Eugene and Hood/Willamette) to share in the funding of a Willamette Basin invasive weed management partnership coordinator.

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the issue of weed management toward a collaborative, cross-boundary effort. 2. The coordinator is the single most important factor in success of the operations of the Weed Management Area (WMA).

The coordinator for the Willamette Basin Invasive Weed Management Partnership will initiate a multi-phase approach to engage stakeholders in planning and implementing a coordinated effort to address invasive weed management issues in the Willamette Basin. This cooperative approach will increase weed management and control capacity on private and public lands within 2-3 years to address invasive weed management issues in the Willamette Basin. The focus of this request is to support Phase II and III of the multi-year proposal.

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☐ Trail Obliteration [Sec. 2(b)(2)(A)]

☐ Other Infrastructure Maintenance (specify): [Sec. 2(b)(2)(A)]

☒ Soil Productivity Improvement [Sec. 2(b)(2)(B)]

☒ Forest Health Improvement [Sec. 2(b)(2)(C)]

☒ Watershed Restoration & Mntc. [Sec. 2(b)(2)(D)]

☒ Wildlife Habitat Restoration [Sec. 2(b)(2)(E)]

☒ Fish Habitat Restoration [Sec. 2(b)(2)(E)]

☒ Control of Noxious Weeds [Sec. 2(b)(2)(F)]

☒ Reestablish Native Species [Sec. 2(b)(2)(G)]

☒ Other Project Type (specify) [Sec. 2(b)(2)]: Improve cooperative relationships among users and caretakers of Federal Lands.

14. Measure of Project Accomplishments/Expected Outcomes [Sec. 203(b)(5)]

a. Total Acres:

b. Total Miles: Approximately 12,000 Sq. Miles

c. No. Structures:

d. Est. People Reached
(for environmental education projects):

e. No. Laborer Days:

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f. Other (specify): By Sept. 30, 2004 there will be a functioning (WMA(s)) focused on prioritizing projects and leveraging funds to systematically manage invasive weeds in the basin.

Phase I.) - Startup (March 1- Oct. 1, 2002)

- A. A focus group representing local, county, state and federal agencies gathered to advise the development of a Willamette Basin invasive weed management partnership.
- B. An interagency group secured funding from the Salem District Resource Advisory Committee to hire a partnership coordinator to assist in facilitating the development of the partnership and Weed Management Area.

Phase II.) - WMA Identification Process & Pilot Project Identification (Oct. 1, 2002 - Sept. 30, 2003)

- A. Expand the focus group to interested representative that include environmental groups, watershed councils, soil and water conservation districts, agriculture and forestry producers and individuals.
- B. Conduct a workshop to identify the need for a regional or sub-region Weed Management Areas.
- C. Develop and implement an action plan to organize the Weed Management Areas by using the Guidelines for Coordinated Management of Noxious Weeds: Development of Weed Management Areas (Adapted from the Guidelines for Coordinated Management of Noxious Weeds in the Greater Yellowstone Area).
- D. Pursue and broaden the partnership base in the Willamette Basin.
- E. Select Weed Management Area steering committees, based on recommendations of the focus group.
- F. Develop a strategic funding plan to support the operational capacity of the WMA(s).
- G. Seek funding to support the ongoing processes, pilot projects and public education and training.
- H. Identify potential pilot/demonstration projects.
- I. Create mechanism(s) to share weed project and program information, and potential funding sources.
- J. Identify training and education materials and programs suitable and or adaptable to the Willamette Basin.

Phase III.) - WMA Organization Process & Public Education - (Oct. 1, 2003 - Sept. 30, 2004)

- A. Initiate and develop formal partnership agreements.
- B. Develop an operation plan for the Weed Management Area(s).
- C. Implement the operation and strategic funding plan of the Weed Management Area (s).
- D. Promote the development and funding of local weed boards and programs.
- E. Implement pilot/demonstration projects.
- F. Promote and manage mechanism(s) to share weed project and program information, and potential funding sources.
- G. Engage the communities in invasive weed control measures, through public outreach, and education activities.
- H. Adapt training and education materials and programs for the Willamette Basin.

Phase IV.) Build local capacity, develop funding, planning and implementation (Oct. 1, 2004 - Sept. 30, 2007)

- A. Continue updating and revising annual operating plans, funding requests and public education and training activities.
- B. Identify and secure funding for local administration of projects that reflect the priorities of the Weed Management Areas.
- C. Promote and manage mechanism(s) to share weed project and program information, and potential funding sources
- D. Engage the communities in invasive weed control measures, through public outreach, and education activities.
- E. Engage the Weed Management Area participants in an operation evaluation process at the 5-year milestone.

15. Duration of Project and Estimated Completion Date: [Sec. 203(b)(2)]

Phase I	(March 1, 2002 - Sept 30, 2002) - Startup - 7 months
Phase II	(Oct. 1, 2002 - Sept. 30, 2003) - WMA Identification Process & Pilot Project Identification
Phase III	(Oct. 1, 2003 - Sept. 30, 2004) - WMA Organization Process & Public Education
Phase IV	(Oct. 1, 2004 - Sept. 30, 2007) - Build local capacity, develop funding, planning and implementation

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16. Target Species Benefited: (if applicable) Native plants, indigenous fish and wildlife species.

17. How will cooperative relationships among people that use federal lands be improved? [Sec. 2(b)(3)]

Developing cooperative relationships is the basis of the Weed Management Area concept. Private land ownership is 41% of the land base in the Willamette Basin. The landowners are vital to the success of weed management efforts in the Willamette Basin. Landowners have great economic incentive to participate, these individuals are actively engage in field activities, which enables them to become a great force in detecting and treating early invasions.

The Willamette Valley is also a centrally located hub for shipping of freight by land, air and water transportation systems. The Basin also hosts 70% of Oregon's total population. Through education and awareness programs urban and rural residents will gain knowledge about invasive plants. These public land user groups and individuals can assist in identifying and reducing movement of invaders from the valley floor to the forested uplands, while traveling within and outside the basin. These efforts can also reduce introduction of invasive plants into the basin.

18. How is this project in the best public interest? [Sec. 203(b)(7)] **Identify benefits to communities.**

A Weed Management Area process encourages cooperators to plan through weed management issues and arrive at successful solutions. An organized approach will result in the greatest good for the entire Weed Management Area. The designation of a Weed Management Area by a diverse group of individuals and agencies addresses a number of weed management issues from a broader perspective and bring together the resources of this diverse group to address common invasive weed interests. A side benefit of an organized approach is to focus attention and demonstrate to state and federal legislators that a united effort is behind the management of invasive weeds. This approach communicates to the public the seriousness of weeds by increasing their awareness and the need to contain or prevent infestations. A Weed Management Area provides a channel for communication and pools talents and resources. It also reduces the risk of damage by control actions to water, crops, and threatened and endangered species.

19. How does project benefit federal lands/resources?

Expanded public and private partnerships and community involvement can increase availability of resources and reduce current and future impacts of invasive weeds on public lands.

20. Status of Project Planning			
a. NEPA Complete:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable
If no, give est. date of completion:			
b. NMFS Sec. 7 ESA Consultation Complete:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable
c. USFWS Sec. 7 ESA Consultation Complete:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable
d. Survey & Manage Complete:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable
e. DSL/ODFW* Permits for In-stream Work Obtained:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable
f. DSL/COE* 404 Fill/Removal Permit Obtained:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable
g. SHPO* Concurrence Received:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable
h. Project Design(s) Completed:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable
* DSL = Dept. of State Lands, ODFW = Oregon Dept. Fish and Wildlife, COE = Army Corps of Engineers, SHPO = State Historic Preservation Officer			

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21. Proposed Method(s) of Accomplishment	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contract	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal Workforce
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Workforce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Volunteers
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): Title II Funds - Hire coordinator through Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission	

22. Will the Project Generate Merchantable Materials? [Sec. 204(e)(3)]

☐ Yes ☒ No

23. Anticipated Project Costs [Sec. 203(b)(3)]	
a. Total County Title II Funds Requested: \$31,884	
b. Is this a multi-year funding request? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If yes, then display by fiscal year	
c. FY02 Request: \$31,884*	

* An equivalent amount will be requested from each of the 3 Willamette Basin R.A.C.s: Salem, Eugene and Hood/Willamette to support a total project budget of \$95,652.

Table 1. Project Cost Analysis

Item	Column A Fed. Agency Appropriated Contribution [Sec. 203(b)(4)]	Column B Requested County Title II Contribution [Sec. 203(b)(4)]	Column C Other Contributions [Sec. 203(b)(4)]	Column D Total Available Funds
24. Field Work & Site Surveys				
25. NEPA & Sec. 7 ESA Consultation				
26. Permit Acquisition				
27. Project Design & Engineering				
28. Contract Preparation				
29. Contract Administration				
30. Contract Cost				
31. Workforce Cost		\$27,102		
32. Materials & Supplies	\$15,000			
33. Monitoring/Reporting		\$5,000		
34. Other (Public Information/Education)				
35. Project Sub-Total	\$15,000	\$22,102		
36. Indirect Costs (Overhead) (per year for multi-year projects)		Total \$4782		
37. Total Cost Estimate	\$15,000	\$31,884		

38. Identify Source(s) of Other Funding for Project Identified Above [Sec. 203(b)(4)]

Funding costs to development and support local weed control boards, and project implementation may be identified during the organization workshops and Weed Management Area development processes. The successful development of a Weed Management Area and a prioritization process for project activity in the basin will increase the eligibility of the basin partnership for private foundation and local, state and federal dollars. Suggestions for potential funding sources may include the Oregon State Weed Board, National Fish and

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Wildlife Foundation, Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, Federal Challenge Cost Share Grants, Federal, State and County budget allocations, Resource Assistance for Rural Economies and others to be identified.

39. Monitoring Plan [Sec. 203(b)(6)]

- a. What measures or evaluations will be made to determine how well the proposed project meets the desired ecological conditions? [Sec. 203(b)(6)] Who will be responsible for this monitoring item?**

Success will be measured by achieving and implementing the expected outcomes outlined by this proposal. The completion and implementation of this 5-year proposal will establish and support regional and local capacity to control and reduce invasive weed infestations in the Willamette Basin on private and public lands and reduce the movement of invasive weeds within and into the Basin.

The Willamette Basin is a collage of county, regional, local, state, federal, university, and non-profit organizations with various programs and projects challenging established weed invaders and new arrivals in the Willamette Basin. The results of this effort will assist in formulating a "big picture" approach to problem solving; developing private and public partnerships; identifying gaps in existing programs; determine the most effective way of matching resources with needs; recommending priority invasive weed control actions and engaging the public in invasive weed control measures.

Expected Outcomes

Phase I. Startup (Funding for Fiscal Year 2001) - (March 1- Oct. 1, 2002)

1. Assemble a focus group - Interagency Team. - completed
2. Secure funding to hire a coordinator - Invasive Weed Focus Group. - completed
3. Hire a WMA process coordinator. - In process.

Phase II. WMA Identification Process & Pilot Project Identification (Oct. 1, 2002 - Sept. 30, 2003)

1. Pursue and broaden the partnership base in the Willamette Basin. - Coordinator & Focus Group partners
2. Conduct a workshop to identify the need for a regional or sub-region WMA(s) - Coordinator
3. Select and Organize WMA steering committees. - Coordinator & Focus Group
4. Develop & implement an action plan to organize the WMA (s). Steering Committee & Coordinator
5. Develop a strategic funding plan to support the operational capacity of the WMA(s). Steering Committee & Coordinator
6. Seek funding to support the ongoing processes, pilot projects and public education and training. - Steering Committee & Coordinator
7. Identify potential pilot/demonstration projects. - Steering Committee & Coordinator
8. Create mechanism (s) to share program and project information and funding sources. Coordinator
9. Identify training materials/programs suitable and/or adaptable for the Willamette Basin. - Coordinator
10. Initiate and complete an organization process for a WMA. - Coordinator & steering committee

The Willamette Basin Invasive weed Partnership focus group will develop a work plan and direct the work of the coordinator in Phase I and II.

Phase III.) WMA Organization Process & Public Education - (Oct. 1, 2003 - Sept. 30, 2004)

1. Initiate and develop formal partnership agreements. - Coordinator and steering committee
2. Develop an operation plan for the Weed Management Area(s). Coordinator and steering committee
3. Implement the operation and strategic funding plan of the Weed Management Area (s). - Coordinator and steering committee

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4. Promote the development and funding of local weed boards and programs. - Coordinator and steering committee
5. Implement pilot/demonstration projects. - Coordinator and partners
6. Promote and manage mechanism(s) to share weed project and program information, and potential funding sources. - Coordinator and partners
7. Engage the communities in invasive weed control measures, through public outreach, and education activities. - Coordinator and partners
8. Adapt training and education materials and programs for the Willamette Basin. - Coordinator and partners

Phase IV.) Build local capacity, develop funding, planning and implementation (Oct. 1, 2004 - Sept. 30, 2007)

1. Continue updating and revising annual operating plans, funding requests and public education and training activities. Coordinator, steering committee and partners
2. Identify and secure funding for local administration of projects that reflect the priorities of the WMA(s). - Coordinator, steering committee and partners
3. Initiate priority projects identified through a basin-wide analysis process. - Coordinator and partners
4. Promote and manage mechanism(s) to share weed project and program information, and potential funding sources. - Coordinator, steering committee and partners
5. Engage the communities in invasive weed control measures, through public outreach, and education activities. - Coordinator, steering committee and partners
6. Engage the WMA participants in an operation evaluation process at the 5-year milestone. - Coordinator, steering committee and partners

The Willamette Basin WMA Steering Committee will develop a work plan and direct the work of the coordinator in Phase III. and IV.

b. How will the project be evaluated to determine how well the proposed project contributes towards local employment and/or training opportunities, including summer youth jobs programs such as the Youth Conservation Corps? [Sec. 203(b)(6)] Who will be responsible for this monitoring item?

Phase I is an initial setup of the WMA process by an interagency working group. Phase II will identify and develop pilot projects that demonstrate to key partners and stakeholders the advantages of planning and coordination to effectively address weed introduction and control. Phase III and IV will provide opportunities to initiate operational plans at a regional scale where multiple partnerships with combined resources will increase local project implementation. During the final phase of this 5- year proposal the WMA Steering Committees will initiate a programmatic review of the WMA function and project evaluation.

The Willamette Basin Invasive plant and Weed Management Partnership Coordinator will develop a project tracking data base that will include the type of project, invasive weed controlled, location, acreage, control measure, landowner, date, funding sources, labor source and hours. An annual operation report and a project summary will be presented to the Willamette Basin Invasive weed Partnership focus group, the Weed Management Area steering committees and sponsoring organizations.

c. What methods and measures of evaluation will be established to determine how well the proposed project improves the use of, or added value to, any products removed from federal lands consistent with the purposes of this Act? [Sec. 203(b)(6) and Sec. 204(e)(3)] Who will be responsible for this monitoring item? Not applicable!

d. Identify total funding needed to carry out specified monitoring tasks (Table 1, item 33)